**Eight-laning of NH-8 upto Jaipur**

1134. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has prepared any detailed projects report pertaining to eight-laning of NH-8 upto Jaipur;

(b) if so, how much time this largest expressway project in India would take for completion, indicating the estimated cost involved therein; and

(c) whether this stretch would be first six-eight lane corridor of 5846 km. long Golden Quardrilateral connecting Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata and Chennai and would be the largest expressway project in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) to (c) The conversion of Delhi-Gurgaon section of NH-8 from km 14.300 to km 36.630 to 8-lane and from km 36.630 to km 42.000 to 6-lane is in progress. The work is under implementation on Build, Operate and Transfer (BOT) (Toll) basis and targeted for completion by 31.12.2007.

National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has also prepared feasibility report for six laning of Gurgaon-Kotputli-Jaipur section of NH-8 under National Highways Development Project (NHDP) Phase-V to be taken up on Build, Operate and Transfer (BOT) following Design, Build, Finance and Operate (DBFO) pattern. The project is scheduled for completion by December, 2012. The estimated basis construction cost for Gurgaon-Kotputli-Jaipur section is Rs. 1517 crore.

**Completion of delayed NH projects in Andhra Pradesh**

1135. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any mechanism in place in addition to the agreement reached with the construction companies/contractors to monitor the progress and plug delays in the execution of highway projects;

(b) if so, how many highway road projects in the country are riddled with delays and the measures that have been taken up for the expeditious completion of the delayed Vijayawada-Hyderabad in Andhra Pradesh highway road project and the breakup of funds released during the last three years to the construction companies to execute the project, year-wise; and

(c) if not, the reasons for not having any monitoring mechanism in place?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) Does not arise.